

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”*

**Thursday, February 12, 2009  
7:30 P.M.**

**★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

Mayor Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Brian T. Bailey  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer  
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Steve Busa, Treasurer  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

**NOT PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration

**★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

## ◆ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews noted that on February 14, 2008, a gunman walked into a classroom at Northern Illinois University and opened fire killing six people, wounding eighteen and in the end the gunman shot himself. He further noted that the Northern Illinois University Website posted the following quote by an unknown author which captures the wisdom and understanding of humanity "*it matters not how long a star shines, what is remembered is the brightness of its light*". Mayor Andrews stated that he made an annual trip to Northern Illinois University to talk to the labor law class and he asked the Board to join him in a moment of silence for all of the victims and those affected by this tragedy.

On behalf of the Village Board and Indian Head Park community, Mayor Andrews extended sympathies to the following: the family of Police Officer John Elza whose mother passed away recently; to the family of a long time Indian Head Park resident Noel Johnson who became an active criminal defense lawyer at the age of 70 plus and to the family of a long time resident Grace Taylor, who was involved with the first publication and distribution of the *Smoke Signals* newsletter. Mayor Andrews stated that brochures are available at the Village Offices from the Cook County Economic Development Association regarding programs that are available for individuals that are having a difficult time paying their utility bills.

Mayor Andrews reported that various government agencies have been talking about economic recovery stimulus programs and Indian Head Park's name and interest in programs has been sent to State representatives in the event there are financial assistance funds available for Indian Head Park projects. Mayor Andrews stated that one year ago trustees were assigned to various sub-committees that were established to move forward in various areas in matter of importance at that time. He noted the following sub-committee updates: (1) Trustees Coleman and Bailey were appointed with regard to landscape enhancements at Arrowhead Memorial Pointe. That matter is on hold pending distribution of park bond funds from the Township of Lyons; (2) Trustees Bermier, Walsh and Rich Pellegrino were appointed to the Heritage Center Sub-Committee. Many items were completed (new roof, gutters replaced, chimney repaired, the rear addition jacked up and finished with new siding and a new rear door and hardware were installed). Mayor Andrews stated that through the generous donation by Indian Head Park resident Jack Yelnick, a new concrete rear walkway was installed. He noted that remaining work at the Heritage Center will be completed as additional funds from other sources become available; (3) Trustees Anselmo and Schnaufer were appointed as a sub-committee to study licensing fees. Last spring the Board approved an ordinance to update various fees; (4) Trustees Coleman and Schnaufer were appointed as a sub-committee to review public works street improvements. He noted that due to the high price of petroleum products last year ranging from gasoline to asphalt, repairs to the Village Hall parking lot were postponed as well as street paving projects. Mayor Andrews stated that this matter will be reviewed again in the new budget year;

(5) Mayor Andrews stated that he and Trustee Bailey reviewed the water increase from Countryside last year. In March of last year the Board approved a rate increase equal to the amount passed along from the City of Countryside to Indian Head Park with no additional cost for Indian Head Park operating costs; (6) Mayor Andrews stated that he and Trustee Walsh have been monitoring the Federal Transportation Bill as well as economic stimulus funds that may be available to Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews pointed out that a letter was received from Illinois Senator Christine Radogno asking the Village of Indian Head Park for a list of capital improvement projects to be completed in the event economic stimulus funds become available for Indian Head Park; (7) Trustees Bailey and Walsh were appointed to review sidewalk projects. The projects are on hold pending available funding from other sources.

Mayor Andrews stated at the March Board meeting, the Trustees will consider and vote on a water rate increase to reflect the increase in water rates that the City of Countryside has passed along to Indian Head Park that was effective January 1, 2009. He noted that the water rate increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2009 and reflected on the water bills mailed to the residents in April.

◆ **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of a Resolution Regarding National Heart Health Month (*Resolution #R2-09-1*)**

**Approval of an Ordinance to Establish a Line of Credit with Pan American Bank (*Ordinance #09-2*)**

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote. (6/0/0).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

◆ **INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION BY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR RUSSELL HARTIGAN AND ROY DAMES**

Mayor Andrews introduced Lyons Township Supervisor Russell Hartigan and Roy Dames, a resident of the LaGrange Highlands who will make a presentation to the Village Board regarding various programs.

Russell Hartigan, Lyons Township Supervisor, stated that he has been serving as the Lyons Township Supervisor for the past three months since Pat Rogers stepped down in November of 2008 to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court. He noted that he served on the Township of Lyons Board as Trustee and served as Finance Chairman.

Supervisor Hartigan stated that the Township of Lyons bought the building one lot over from the Township Offices and the building will be demolished for reconstruction of affordable senior housing in that location by the end of this year. He further stated that the new housing will consist of sixty-five (65) units, seniors must be over the age of 62 and a certain level of income is required to qualify for affordable housing. Supervisor Hartigan stated that there is a need for affordable housing in the area and residents of the Township have been calling to find out more information.

He further stated that a project manager with Mercy Housing will oversee the affordable housing project, a meeting was held last week with the Township of Lyons, the City of Countryside has approved the zoning on the new building to move forward with the project and additional information regarding the affordable senior housing program will be provided to the Township communities as information becomes available.

Supervisor Hartigan stated that the Township Board has held two executive session meetings with regard to the 10 million dollars in Township Park Bond funds, the Township Board will consider and approve a Township Bond Ordinance next week, the Timber Trails park bond initiative was voted on four years ago by taxpayers and a township park bond has not occurred before over the past 50 years. He noted that certain standards and criteria need to be established such as distribution of funds based on Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), need or preparation of project proposals. He further noted that the Township received an opinion from counsel specializing in bond issues that the referendum was not advisory but mandated so the Township needs to move forward and sell the bonds this year. Supervisor Hartigan stated that once the bond ordinance is approved, the levy can be set and the sale of the bonds can take place sometime in March or April. He added that twenty-two (22) park bond projects have been heard by the Township asking for a total of 60 million dollars and the distribution of available funds needs to be fair and equitable to each community within the Township. Supervisor Hartigan stated that Indian Head Park made an excellent presentation regarding projects that could be completed with the park bonds funds. He noted that April elections are coming up shortly and it is uncertain whether there will be changes in the Board with the upcoming election. Supervisor Hartigan stated that the Township of Lyons has a slate of both republican and democrat candidates.

Supervisor Hartigan stated that the Township of Lyons is fortunate to have Roy Dames as Coordinator of the Disaster Preparedness Program for the Lyons Township area. He noted that Roy is a resident of the LaGrange Highlands, he has 35 years of experience working with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, he was the chief administrative assistant of the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office and he has a wealth of knowledge in this field. Supervisor Hartigan further stated that Roy was involved with the following cases: Flight 191 victims, Tylenol cases and John Wayne Gacy victims. He added that Roy also serves on several committees in Cook County lending his advice.

Roy Dames stated that the Village of Indian Head Park has been a partner over the past two years as part of the pharmaceutical distribution disaster plan program which includes Indian Head Park as well as five other communities. Roy Dames further stated that he also serves the Cook County Department of Public Health, the Cook County Department of Emergency Preparedness and the Humanitarian Relief Group. He noted that the committees are investigating methods to distribute food to residents in the Township areas in the event of a pandemic or other disaster. Roy Dames commended Sergeant Ray Leuser from the Indian Head Park Police Department for his excellent work in serving as a member of the task force representing Indian Head Park.

Roy Dames stated that the Township of Lyons has formed a volunteer committee with regard to disaster preparedness and there are seventy (70) members currently on the committee. He asked the Board to announce to residents of Indian Head Park that volunteers are needed if anyone would like to devote their time to the Township committee. Roy Dames stated that residents of Indian Head Park who are interested in volunteering their time to the Township committee that meets three or four times a year may contact him at: **roydames@aolcom**.

Trustee Coleman asked if there are specific qualifications to serve as a volunteer on the Township disaster preparedness committee. Roy Dames stated that there are no specific qualifications to serve on the committee and there are a variety of tasks so all age groups could provide help in different areas. He noted that someone might be assigned to watch children while others manage pharmaceutical distributions or provide assistance in other areas. Roy Dames stated that there are currently two Indian Head Park residents volunteering their time on the committee.

Supervisor Hartigan asked if there are any questions from the Board regarding programs discussed this evening. Trustee Walsh asked if the Lyons Township affordable housing program would be rental property. Supervisor Hartigan stated that the Township bought the building one lot to the west of the Township Offices, the existing building will be demolished and a new four-story building with sixty-five (65) one bedroom affordable housing rental units will be constructed in that location. Trustee Schnauffer asked if the affordable housing units are only available to residents of Lyons Township. Supervisor Hartigan stated that the units will be available to residents of Lyons Township. Mayor Andrews inquired about the project completion date for the Township affordable housing project. Supervisor Hartigan stated that the existing building will be demolished in the spring, the affordable housing construction project will move forward at that time and the Township has senior transportation buses that can be utilized to transport seniors locally throughout the community for medical and other appointments.

Trustee Coleman asked if any part of the project will be assisted living. Supervisor Hartigan stated that assisted living is not part of the project and Mercy Housing is a nationwide company that will be handling the rental of the units.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - January 8, 2009*

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the January 8, 2009 regular Board meeting minutes, as amended. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS - TREASURER BUSA**

*Financial Report for the month ending December 31, 2008*

*Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2009*

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the months ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009. For the month of December, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$222,629.71; (2) expenditures were \$415,927.72 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of December were \$335,883.51. For the month of January, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$265,103.55; (2) expenditures were \$273,207.28 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of January were \$249,558.50. Treasurer Busa noted that the first installment of property tax bills have been mailed by Cook County, the tax bills are due at the beginning of March and the Village should be receiving its portion of that revenue sometime in March.

Trustee Schnauffer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the financial report for the months ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

## **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary